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Public Health Reports

Treasury Department, United States Marine-Hospital Service. Published in accordance with act of Congress approved February 15, 1893.

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UNITED STATES.

Vaccination of the crews of vessels.

In view of the widespread prevalence of smallpox, orders have been issued to the medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service stationed at ports on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and at Norfolk, Va., to vaccinate as far as practicable the crews of vessels arriving at their respective ports.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Inspection service at Montauk Point, N. Y., during the war with Spain.

[Orders to Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder—Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, *August 8, 1898.*

Magruder, Marine Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.:

Leave hospital in temporary charge acting assistant surgeon; take first train for Montauk Point, Long Island, for duty inspecting transports with returning army. * * * Quarters on revenue cutter *Dexter* at Fort Pond, near Montauk Point. You will have charge of the inspection of vessels, with assistants. Kinyoun will have charge of the disinfecting barge and will be on shore. * * *

WYMAN.

[Telegram.]

AUGUST 9, 1898.

P. A. Surgeon Magruder (to arrive) Marine-Hospital Service, care Colonel Forward, U. S. A., Montauk Point, New York:

Quartermaster's department will charter tug for your use as boarding officer. Revenue cutter will render such assistance as may be necessary. Wire your address. All officers directed to report to you. Plans of

Bureau will be made known to you by Kinyoun. Several transports will arrive together Friday or Saturday. Important—should be examined promptly. Brunner ordered there. Barge expected to arrive Saturday forenoon; possibly earlier.

WYMAN.

[Orders to Passed AssistantSurgeon Kinyoun—Telegram.]

AUGUST 9, 1898.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Kinyoun,
care Colonel Forward, U. S. A., Montauk Point, N. Y.:

All officers will report to Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder. Explain Bureau's plans to him. Barge leaves Wednesday noon.

WYMAN.

[Instructions to Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder—Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 11, 1898.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder,
Marine-Hospital Service, Montauk Point, New York:

Barge *Protector*, with Steward Thurston and 8 crew, should arrive to-morrow or later. You are to establish a national quarantine by request of Secretary of War. Status will be still further fixed to-morrow under law of February 15, 1893. Some modifications of regulations necessary to meet situation. Army will manage detention camp. General instructions are to inspect vessels as they arrive. Raise yellow flag thereon and you are to have control of them until flag comes down. Six plain yellow flags sent you yesterday. On inspection, typhoid and other nonquarantinable diseases will be reported to medical officer of army in charge for proper disposition and likewise cases of yellow fever, or suspected yellow fever. After sorting out these, the remaining troops can be landed to go into detention camps with such precautions regarding those specially exposed as is necessary, including disinfection. After discharge of troops, vessels and crews to be taken to barge *Protector* for thorough and rapid disinfection. See Colonel Forward and make provision for detention of crews during disinfection of vessels. Cause as little delay as possible in inspection. Use Brunner as yellow fever expert. Five medical officers and 3 stewards, as previously notified, have been sent you. Light-House Board will to-morrow send 4 buoys to mark out anchorage; may not arrive till Saturday morning. Quartermaster's department has ordered a tug for boarding purposes to report to you on Friday; name unknown. *Dexter* should be there to-morrow; has orders to assist as far as possible and to quarter 2 medical officers on board if necessary. If captain can arrange for quartering more, and you deem it advisable, arrange it. Secretary of Navy has been requested to issue orders placing vessels in quarantine under your control. Prevent communication with vessels while in quarantine. Colonel Hecker, chief, transportation, quartermaster's department, will arrive to-morrow. Have made most my arrangements through him and informed him he can speak with you as my representative. Major Hopkins, military secretary to General Alger, also arrives. Please show him every consideration, but he will not wish to interfere with quarantine regulations. Take charge of yellow fever camp if requested and if you can spare proper man, but have it understood whether you have entire charge or only giving professional aid. Absolutely necessary Bureau should be

kept fully informed on conditions and procedures. Wire daily or oftener. Employ additional help if needed, promptly transmitting names. Can send good man from Stapleton—former attendant. Show these instructions or furnish copy to Colonel Forward and Colonel Hecker.

W. WYMAN,
Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Report of Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder on the work done at Montauk Point.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMMAND
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Memphis, Tenn., January 11, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the quarantine established at Camp Wykoff, Montauk Point, New York, in obedience to your order, and maintained from August 13 to September 15, 1898, to prevent the introduction of quarantinable disease into the United States on the return of the army of invasion from Santiago de Cuba.

The cooperation of the general commanding at Wykoff was secured by the following order from the Secretary of War:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 11, 1898.*

General Young, Montauk Point, N. Y.:

The Secretary of War directs that you cooperate with Surgeon Magruder, United States Marine-Hospital Service, to establish and fix quarantine grounds and anchorage for transports bringing in General Shafter's command to Montauk Point. As each transport arrives, the quarantine officer will board it and raise the yellow flag and make personal inspection of the troops on transport. If no yellow fever cases are found, the sick will be removed to general hospital and the well to detention camp, where they will be held from three to five days, then removed to general camp. If any yellow fever cases are found they will be taken off and either put aboard the sanitary barge or put in yellow fever hospital. Other sick will be moved to the general hospital and the well detained in detention camp from eight to ten days. No person will be allowed aboard a transport while the yellow flag is up without written pass of Surgeon Magruder. A revenue cutter has been ordered to Montauk Point to enforce sanitary quarantine regulations.

H. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant-General.

The site chosen by the War Department for the location of its camp among the grass-covered hills of the eastern end of Long Island, with its porous soil of loose sand and gravel, its delightful climate at this season of the year, its distance from populous centers, and the ease with which it can be isolated from the world, if necessary, affords, aside from the possible difficulty of maintaining a pure water supply, conditions almost ideal for the encampment and quarantine of an army presumably infected with yellow fever; conditions so favorable, in fact, that, did we not recall the fatal outbreak of yellow fever which occurred on Block Island, only a short distance away, in the year 1801, one would almost be led to believe that yellow fever could not exist in a spot so favored.

On the eastern shore of Fort Pond Bay a wharf suitably located for quarantine purposes had been secured by Passed Assistant Surgeon Kinyoun, who reached the ground on the day preceding my arrival, and on the shore adjacent to this the headquarters of the Service were established. A boathouse and a number of tents were used as quarters for officers and men, and a detail of troops from the Ninth Cavalry was placed on picket duty to prevent intercourse between quarantine and general camp. Nine medical officers, 3 hospital stewards, and 20 attend-